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REGULAR COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETINGS

May 7, 1998	10 am	San Francisco
May 21, 1998	10 am	San Francisco
June 4, 1998	10 am	San Francisco

***Will be held at the State Board of Equalization, 450 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814*

**COMMISSION RATESETTING DELIBERATIVE MEETINGS
(Not Open to the Public)**

- *Ratesetting Deliberative Meeting dates are reserved as noted but will only be held if there are ratesetting matters to be considered.*

May 18, 1998	1:30 pm	San Francisco
June 1, 1998	1:30 pm	San Francisco
June 15, 1998	1:30 pm	San Francisco

NOTICES

Delivery of Formal Pleadings for Filing

Unless otherwise directed, all *courier-delivered documents* submitted for filing as part of the formal record in a proceeding should be *hand-carried directly* to the Commission's Docket Office, Room 2001, 505 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco; Room 5109, 107 South Broadway in Los Angeles; or Room 4006, 1350 Front Street in San Diego. All *documents sent through the mail* for formal filing should be addressed *ONLY* to the Commission's Docket Office, Room 2001, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102.

The Payphone Service Provider's Enforcement Committee has proposed a Charter for approval by the CPUC. A protest must be made in writing and received within 20 days from the date of this calendar item. Protest must be delivered to Director, Telecommunications Division, 505 Van Ness Ave., Room 3203, San Francisco, CA, 94102.

Charge for Commission Documents

To purchase Commission documents, there is a charge of 20 cents a printed page (postage prepaid) with a minimum purchase of \$2.00.

GLOSSARY

After January 1, 1998, the California Public Utilities Commission is required by statute (SB 960) to categorize each case that comes before it. There are three categories, quasi-legislative, adjudicatory and ratesetting. If a case does not require hearings before it is resolved, the case is removed from the SB 960 category requirements. The legend below shows the abbreviation for each of the categories and provides a brief explanation.

- Q** **Quasi-legislative** proceedings are proceedings that establish policy or rules (including generic ratemaking policy or rules) affecting a class of regulated entities, including those proceedings in which the Commission investigates rates or practices for an entire regulated industry or class of entities within the industry.
- A** **Adjudicatory** proceedings are: (1) enforcement investigations into possible violations of any provision of statutory law or order or rule of the Commission; and (2) complaints against regulated entities, including those complaints that challenge the accuracy of a bill, but excluding those complaints that challenge the reasonableness of rates or charges, past, present, or future.
- RS** **Ratesetting** proceedings are proceedings in which the Commission sets or investigates rates for a specifically named utility (or utilities), or establishes a mechanism that in turn sets the rates for a specifically named utility (or utilities). Ratesetting proceedings include complaints that challenge the reasonableness of rates or charges, past, present, or future.
- N/A** Removed from the SB 960 category requirements.

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In addition, the Commission will make draft agenda items available for viewing and photocopying (at 20 cents per page) at the Commission's Central Files Office (Room 2002), 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, and in the Los Angeles, San Diego, and the following field offices: El Centro, Eureka, Sacramento and San Bernardino. Since the agenda package will be mailed to these locations, it will be available at these locations a day or two after the distribution date. These locations will not receive agenda items that are not ready on the distribution date.

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COMMISSIONER OFFICE HOURS

(For further information or to make an appointment, please contact, Michelle Diamonon at (707) 445-7875 for Eureka and Chico locations, and Sandra Graham at (213) 897-3544 for other locations).

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Location</u>
5/13/98, 1 pm - 3 pm	Henry Duque	City Hall, 2 nd floor 13230 East Penn Street Whittier
5/15/98, 9 am - 12 pm	Josiah Neeper	State Office Building 1350 Front Street, Room 4006 San Diego

PUBLIC MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Public Meeting

May 6, 1998 10 am - 3 pm	California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4206 San Francisco
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The TDD Placement Interim Committee will conduct a monthly meeting. For more information, please contact Adam Thaler at (415) 703-1157.

Public Meeting

May 7 - 8, 1998 9 am - 5 pm	California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue Training Room San Francisco
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The Commission Energy Division will conduct a workshop required by Assigned Commissioner Ruling of March 11, 1998 in the matter of Southern California Edison Company application A98-12-047. The purpose of the workshop is to explore performance standards for maintenance, repair and replacement of distribution facilities. For more information contact Sarv Randhawa at (415) 703-2274 or Richard Myers at (415) 703-1228.

Workshop Notice

May 11, 1998 10:00 am	California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue Training Room San Francisco
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The Utilities Safety Branch of the Consumer Services Division will convene the first meeting of the Revenue Cycle Services Safety Working Group. The purpose of the working group, as directed in the Assigned Commissioners' Ruling on Market Conditions Report and Other Matters, Rulemaking 98-01-011, issued on April 23, 1998, is to address safety concerns related to the unbundling of meters, meter reading and servicing, and services beyond the meter. This workshop is open to the public and the training room is wheelchair accessible. For further information or to suggest agenda topics, contact Raffy Stepanian at (213) 897-3334 or e-mail rst@cpuc.ca.gov.

Public Meeting

May 12, 1998	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center
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<p>10 am - 4 pm</p> <p><i>Designated Conference Leader:</i> <i>Louise Perez/PG&E</i></p> <p><i>Reservation No. 4074787</i></p>	<p>851 Howard Street (1 block west of the Moscone Center) San Francisco</p> <p>To join via teleconference: Dial: (212) 748-2858 Passcode: 3823526#</p>
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As provided for in Public Utilities Commission D.97-09-117, one or more LIGB Advisory Committee members may be participating in this meeting via teleconference. Members of the public may participate in the meeting by calling **the above number** on the day of the meeting. If you experience difficulty in trying to access this conference call, please contact Confertech at 1-800-252-5150.

The Low Income Governing Board Advisory Committee (LIGBAC) will meet on the following agenda: Welcome and Introduction Chairperson's report, review meeting minutes, public comments, substantiative program designs, and other business. These meetings are open to the public. You can get the materials for this meeting by phoning the LIGBAC at 415 703-2565 and leaving a message with your name, phone and fax number at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting time.

Public Meeting

<p>May 13, 1998 9:30 am - 3 pm</p>	<p>California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 3204 (Corner of Van Ness Avenue and McAllister Street) San Francisco</p>
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The ULTS Marketing Board (ULTSMB) will hold its regular meeting to: Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes, Review/Approval of Administrative Report and Expenses, Review/Approval of Market Study RFP, Review/Approval of Bidders Conference Sub-Committee and Meeting Items, PUC Report and take follow-up actions to Commissioner Knight's meeting, Anti-Smoking Marketing Campaign Update, Set future Agenda items for Discussion and hear Public comments.

If you would like to join the meeting by phone conference or in person, and/or receive a copy of the full agenda and meeting materials, please notify Vivien Wright, Executive Assistant at (510) 452-2757.

Public Meeting: CARE and LIEE Committees of the Low Income Governing Board

<p>May 13, 1998 10 am - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center 851 Howard Street (1 block west of the Moscone Center) San Francisco</p> <p>To join via teleconference for the</p>
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	<p><i>CARE Committee</i> Dial (415) 904-8843 <i>Pass Code</i> 2368254# <i>Reservation Number</i> 4103965</p> <p>To join via teleconference for the LIEE Committee Dial (415) 904-8834 <i>Pass Code</i> 5844919# <i>Reservation Number</i> 4103851</p>
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The CARE Committee and the LIEE Committee of the Low Income Governing Board will each meet on the following agenda: to begin planning process for making policy/program revisions for 1999 low income programs, including determining policy areas to investigate, outline workplan, designate tasks, identify needed information, identify sources of information, plan communication strategy with Advisory Committee.

Public Meeting: The Low Income Governing Board (LIGB)

<p><i>May 13, 1998</i> <i>1:30 pm – 4 pm</i></p>	<p><i>Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center</i> <i>851 Howard Street (1 block west of the Moscone Center)</i> San Francisco</p> <p>To join via teleconference Dial (212) 293-3133 <i>Pass Code</i> 3146936# <i>Reservation Number</i> 4179547</p>
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The LIGB will meet on the following agenda: Chairperson's report, review meeting minutes, discuss legal and contract issues, develop alternatives for continuing LIGB work following February 4 State Personnel Board (SPB) letter ruling, address budget planning/ financial status, receive report on Advisory Committee activities, receive report on CARE and LIEE committee recommendations, review status of legislation, discuss policy planning issues, develop agenda for next Board meeting, and schedule future meetings. This meeting is open to the public; materials may be requested at least 24 hours in advance by calling 415-703-2565 and leaving a fax number.

If necessary, immediately following the conclusion of the public meeting, the LIGB will hold an Executive Session (closed session) to discuss pending litigation regarding letters of agreement for outside consulting services, including the SPB's letter ruling of February 4, 1998, and the related case -- California State Employees Association et al. v. California State Personnel Board et al., Case No. 978CS03024 (Sacramento County Superior Court). The closed session is conducted pursuant to Government Code Sections 11126(e)(1), 11126(e)(2)(B)(i), and 11126(f)(6).

Public Meeting

<p>May 14, 1998 9:30 am - 3:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program 1939 Harrison Street DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555 Oakland</i></p>
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The Equipment Program Advisory Committee of the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program will hold its regular monthly meeting. For more information about the meeting, or if you plan to attend the meeting and need sign language interpretation or real-time captioning, contact Sara Brucker at (510) 874-1410 VOICE or (510) 874-1411 TTY. Environmental Reminder: Please refrain from wearing perfumes or scents to DDTP meetings, because people with environmental illness or multiple chemical sensitivity must reduce their exposure in order to attend.

Public Meeting

<p>May 19, 1998 10 am - 4 pm</p> <p><i>Designated Conference Leader:</i></p>	<p><i>Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center 851 Howard Street (1 block west of the Moscone Center) San Francisco</i></p>
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<p>Louise Perez/PG&E Reservation No. 4074787</p>	<p>To join via teleconference: Dial: (212) 748-2858 Passcode: 3823526#</p>
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Public Meeting

<p>May 20, 1998 1:30 pm</p>	<p>California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue, Training Room San Francisco</p>
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LOTTERY FOR TELEPHONE NUMBER PREFIX ASSIGNMENTS IN THE
 209, 213/323, 310, 408/831, 415, 510/925, 619, 714/949, 805, 818/626, 909,
 AND 916/530 NUMBERING PLAN AREAS

The Telecommunications Division of the California Public Utilities Commission will be conducting a lottery to determine allocations of central office codes (NXXs) in the 209, 213/323, 310, 408, 415, 510/925, 619, 714/949, 805, 818/626, 909, and 916/530 area codes pursuant to the provisions of D.96-09-087. Applications should be submitted to the California Code Administrator prior to the close of business on MAY 12, 1998. For information on the lottery process, call (415) 703- 1879. If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2032 five working days in advance of the event.

Public Meeting

<p>May 26, 1998 10 am - 4 pm Designated Conference Leader: Louise Perez/PG&E</p>	<p>Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center 851 Howard Street (1 block west of the Moscone Center) San Francisco To join via teleconference:</p>
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Reservation No. 4074787	Dial: (212) 748-2858 Passcode: 3823526#
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Workshop Notice

May 28 and 29, 1998 9:30 am - 4:30 pm	California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue Training Room San Francisco
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The Telecommunications Division will conduct a workshop to identify the scope of issues to be included in an order instituting rulemaking regarding the Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) program changes and General Order 153 revisions, as per Resolution T-16128. Workshop-related documents which have been mailed to all telecommunications carriers, and parties in the service list of the Universal Service Proceeding (R.95-01-020/.95/01-021) and OII 83-11-05 on May 4, 1998, are available for downloading in the CPUC web site (www.cpuc.ca.gov). Interested parties may comment on these documents and on any other issues which they believe should be included in the OIR process and the revised GO 153, to the Director of the Telecommunications Division and to the service lists of the Universal Service Proceeding and OII 83-11-05, on or before **May 15, 1998**.

The agenda for the workshop will be posted in the Commission's web site by May 18, 1998. Please contact the following Telecommunications Division staff if you have any further questions: Joseph Abhulimen at (415) 703-1458, fax (415) 703-4405, e-mail jaa@cpuc.ca.gov or Zenaida Conway at (415) 703-2005, e-mail ztc@cpuc.ca.gov.

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Public Meeting PLEASE NOTE: NEW DATE!

May 29, 1998 10 am - 4 pm	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program 1939 Harrison Street DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555 Oakland
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The California Relay Service Advisory Committee (CRSAC) of the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program will hold its regular monthly meeting. For more information about the meeting, or if you plan to attend the meeting and need sign language interpretation or real-time captioning, contact Sara Brucker at (510) 874-1410 VOICE or (510) 874-1411 TTY. Environmental Reminder: Please refrain from wearing perfumes or scents to DDTP meetings, because people with environmental illness or multiple chemical sensitivity must reduce their exposure in order to attend.

NEW FILINGS

4/24/98	A98-04-060	City of Roseville, to remove the Berry Street crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company tracks and construct a new improved crossing in the City of Roseville, County of Placer
5/1/98	A98-05-001	Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for approval of demand-side management shareholder incentives for 1997 program year accomplishments, and second claim for incentives for 1996 program year accomplishments
5/1/98	A98-05-003	Southwest Gas Corporation, to maintain its authorized rate of return adopted in D94-12-022 and to integrate further review of applicant's rate of return into its next general rate case filing
5/1/98	A98-05-004	Pacific Gas and Electric Company, to establish the eligibility and seek recovery of certain electric industry restructuring implementation costs as provided for in Public Utilities Code Section 376
5/1/98	A98-05-005	San Diego Gas & Electric Company, to increase its gas and electric revenue requirements to reflect its accomplishments for demand-side management program years 1996 and 1997 in the 1998 annual earnings assessment proceeding

PETITIONS FOR MODIFICATION AND APPLICATIONS FOR REHEARING

4/29/98	A97-08-008	Washington Water Power Company ; for an order authorizing (a) the issuance, sale, delivery, and/or guarantee of Debt Securities, in one or more series,
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with an aggregate stated value of up to and including \$250,000,000; (b) the issuance, sale, delivery, and/or guarantee of Conservation Bonds through the use of a special purpose entity, in one or more series ³ with an aggregate stated value of up to and including \$60,000,000; (c) the refunding of tax-exempt debt securities currently outstanding, in one or more series, with an aggregate stated value of up to and including \$85,000,000; and (d) the issuance and sale of up to and including \$45,000,000 of outstanding short-term debt in excess of the amount provided in PU Code section 823;
**Petition for Modification of D97-10-054 by
Washington Water Power Company**

**DRAFT DECISIONS * PROPOSED DECISIONS * ALTERNATES *
ARBITRATOR'S REPORTS**

5/5/98 A97-07-030 Application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY for Authorization to Sell Electric Distribution and Transmission Facilities Serving the Cities of Ripon, Escalon, Riverbank and Oakdale and Surrounding Rural Areas to the Modesto Irrigation District Pursuant to the Public Utilities Code Section 851 and for Approval of Service Area Agreement Under Public Utilities Code Section 8101. (Electric) (U 39 E);
Alternate Order of Commissioner Neeper

ADVICE LETTER FILINGS

To inquire about a filing, call the Energy Division (703-1093), Telecommunications Division (703-1889) or Water Division (703-2028).

To protest a filing, mail the original letter/telegram to the Chief of the appropriate division (i.e., "Chief, [Energy, Telecommunications or Water] Division"), to be received no later than 20 days after the date the Advice Letter was filed.

"Effective TBD" means that the date is to be determined by further Commission action. A date listed as "anticipated effective" may be subject to change. An Advice Letter Supplement is not a new filing, and there is no protest period unless indicated.

04/29/98 Energy 2682-A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY,

		Supplements A.L.No.2682, Affiliate Transfer (effective TBD)
04/30/98	Energy 2080	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, Revised rates for Monthly Gas Price Filing, Noncore. (anticipated effective 05/01/98)
04/30/98	Energy 2706	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, Update Preliminary Statement Part VI and add language to Schedule GS and GSL. (anticipated effective 06/09/98)
04/30/98	Energy 1092E 1095G	SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, Revision of Existing Line and Service Extension Rules pursuant to Decision s 97-12-098 and 97-12-099. (effective TBD)
05/01/98	Energy 2070-G-A	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, Supplements A.L.No.2070, Proposed list of Core transport agents to include PG&E affiliate. (anticipated effective 04/27/98)
05/01/98	Energy 1093	SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, Revision of Monthly Average PX Prices for May 1998. (effective TBD)
05/01/98	Energy 572	SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION, Revisions to comply with Decisions 97-12-098 and 97-12-099 to revise Rules 13, Temporary Service; Rule 15, Gas Main Extensions; Rule 16, Gas Service Extensions. (effective TBD)
05/01/98	Telecom 34	FIRST WORLD ANAHEIM, This Filing extends the "One Month Free" promo (anticipated effective 05/06/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 14	FIRSTWORLD SOCAL (SPECTRANET ORANGE), This filing extends the "One Month Free" promo through May 1998. (anticipated effective 05/06/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 192	HAPPY VALLEY TELEPHONE CO., To change the income level for eligible Universal service customers (anticipated effective 06/01/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 167	HORNITOS TELEPHONE COMPANY, To Change the income level for eligible Universal Service customers (anticipated effective 06/01/98)

05/01/98	Telecom 85	MCIMETRO ATS, INC. (WESTERN UNION ATS), To increase Directory Assistance charge for residential customers and revise Billing and Collection of charges section (anticipated effective 06/01/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 19410	PACIFIC BELL, Amendment No. 2 to the IC Agreement with associated Group, Inc. dba Teligent (anticipated effective 05/31/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 19411	PACIFIC BELL, Amendment No. 3 to the IC Agreement with Associated Group dba Teligent (anticipated effective 05/31/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 19412	PACIFIC BELL, Amendment No. 4 to the Local IC Agreement with AT&T Communications of California, Inc. (anticipated effective 05/31/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 19413	PACIFIC BELL, Express contract for DDD, VPP and Custom 8 Service (anticipated effective 05/15/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 19414	PACIFIC BELL, ULTS Income Limitations (anticipated effective 06/01/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 19415	PACIFIC BELL, Promotion-Advantages of Advantage 1000 (anticipated effective 06/10/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 4	PREFERRED CARRIER SERVICES INC., To inform the Cpub that the Company will also be operating under its fictitious business name Phones For All and/or Telefonos Para Todos. (anticipated effective 05/01/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 27	QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORP (SO. PACIFIC), To introduce new product offering (anticipated effective 06/14/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 29	QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORP (SO. PACIFIC), To introduce several new rate plans, revisions to CA Intrastate Tariff (anticipated effective 05/07/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 245	THE PONDEROSA TELEPHONE COMPANY, ULTS Income Limit Increase (anticipated effective 06/01/98)
05/01/98	Telecom 87	WINTERHAVEN TELEPHONE COMPANY, To change the income level for eligible Universal Service

Customers (anticipated effective 06/01/98)		
05/04/98	Energy 2070-A	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, Supplements A.L.No.2070, Proposed list of Core transport agents to include PG&E affiliate. (anticipated effective 04/27/98)
05/04/98	Energy 1309E	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, Modification of Existing Line and Service Extension Rules Pursuant to Decision Nos. 97-12-098 and 97-12-099. (effective TBD)
05/04/98	Telecom 196	CALAVERAS TELEPHONE COMPANY, ULTS INCOME LIMITATIONS (anticipated effective 06/01/98)
05/04/98	Telecom 216	CALIFORNIA OREGON TELEPHONE CO., ULTS INCOME LIMITATIONS (anticipated effective 06/01/98)
05/04/98	Telecom 217	DUCOR TELEPHONE COMPANY, ULTS INCOME LIMITATIONS (anticipated effective 06/01/98)
05/04/98	Telecom 273	EVANS TELEPHONE COMPANY, ULTS INCOME LIMITATIONS (anticipated effective 06/01/98)
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05/04/98	Telecom 231	THE VOLCANO TELEPHONE COMPANY, ULTS INCOME LIMITATIONS (anticipated effective 06/01/98)
05/04/98	Water 24	LAS FLORES WATER WORKS, Offset increase in the Consumer Price Index pursuant to D.92-03-093. (effective TBD)
05/04/98	Water 12	MIRA MONTE WATER COMPANY, Offset increase in the Consumer Price Index pursuant to D.92-03-093. (effective TBD)
05/04/98	Water 20	VISTA GRANDE WATER SYSTEM, Offset increase in

		the Consumer Price Index pursuant to D.92-03-093. (effective TBD)
05/05/98	Telecom 8716	GTE CALIFORNIA INCORPORATED, PBX/DID Contract (anticipated effective 05/18/98)
05/05/98	Telecom 19416	PACIFIC BELL, Express contract for DDD, VPP and Calling Card Service (anticipated effective 05/18/98)
05/05/98	Water 38	PENNGROVE WATER COMPANY, Add a surcharge to recover expenses paid for Dept. of Health Services fees and water testing costs resulting from EPA regulations. (effective TBD)

ADVICE LETTER PROTESTS

To inquire about a protest, call the Energy Division (703-1093), Telecommunications Division (703-1889) or Water Division (703-2028). To obtain a copy of the protest, please direct your request to the protestor.

04/01/98	Energy 2068	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, Revised monthly rates for core gas schedules. Late filed protest by Johnson Ranches, Inc..
04/01/98	Energy 2065	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, Revisions to Core Rates. Late filed protest by Johnson Ranches, Inc.

MISCELLANEOUS TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

May 6, 1998

Filings with Rail Safety and Carriers Division

NONE

ADJOURNMENTS * RESETTINGS * SUBMISSIONS

198-04-033	Bushey-Commission Order Instituting Investigation, Future Net, Inc. hearing set for May 11, reset for 9 am, June 16, San Francisco
C94-12-042	Malcolm-Credit Bureau Northern California vs. U.S.

Spring Communications Co. **hearing set for June 17, in San Francisco, reset for 10 am, June 17, Council Chambers, City of Sonoma, 177 First Street, Sonoma**

A97-10-083 McVicar-Southern California Water Company , to recover in rates the costs of replacement water rights in its Barstow District, **Evidentiary Hearing held and submitted**

REMOVALS FROM CALENDAR

NONE

NEW SETTINGS

6/19/98 10:00 am **(EH)-Utility Resource Management Group on behalf of ALJ Ryerson C97-10-059 the Las Virgenes Unified School District vs. Southern Comr Neeper California Edison Company, for overbilling due to erroneous classification as TOU-8 instead of I-6 Commission Courtroom, Los Angeles**

LAW AND MOTION

Law and Motion Hearings are held before Administrative Law Judge Steven Kotz at 9:30 am in one of the Commission's San Francisco Office Hearing Rooms, unless otherwise noted. Law and Motion procedures are governed by Resolution ALJ 164. Copies of Resolution ALJ 164 are available from the Commission's Documents Desk (415) 703-1713 or from Central Files (415) 703-2045

5/12/98 9:30 am NONE SCHEDULED
5./19/98 9:30 am NONE SCHEDULED
5/26/98 9:30 am NONE SCHEDULED

HEARINGS

Dates in parentheses following the word "also" are subject to change without notice. the assigned Commissioner's name is listed next to the proceedings as matter of record; the assigned Commissioner may not be present at the hearing.

(PHC) = Prehearing Conference **(OA) = Oral Argument**
(EH) = Evidentiary Hearing **(WS) = Workshop**
(PPH) = Public Participation Hearing **(FPH) = Full Panel Hearing**
(IAM) = Initial Arbitration Meeting **(AH) = Arbitration Hearing**
(M) = Mediation

5/7/98 ALJ Malcolm Comr Knight	10:00 am A97-12-048	(PHC) -For authority to unbundle core interstate pipeline transportation, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also (EH) for 10 am, May 12 (also May 13-15, San Francisco)
5/7/98 ALJ Bennett Comr Knight	10:00 am C97-09-024	(EH) -Snow Valley, Inc. vs. Southern California Edison Company, for unjust, unreasonable and discriminatory rates and charges and for improper charges for construction of a power substation, Riverside City Hall, 3900 Main Street, Seventh Floor, Riverside
5/8/98 ALJ Weiss Comr Duque	10:00 am A98-03-020	(PHC) -Dominguez Water Company, Russian River Management Company, dba Rancho Del Paradiso Water Company, and Philip, Janet, Jesse and Gaye Guidotti, for an ex parte order authorizing the acquisition of substantially all of the utility assets of Rancho Del Paradiso Water Company by Dominguez Water Company, and
	10:30 am A98-03-021	(PHC) -Dominguez Water Company, Russian River Management Company, dba Armstrong Valley Water Company, and Philip, Janet, Jesse and Gaye Guidotti, for an ex parte order authorizing the acquisition of substantially all of the utility assets of Armstrong Valley Water Company by Dominguez Water Company, and
	11:00 am A98-02-028	(PHC) -Dominguez Water Corporation, Lucerne Water Company, and Robert and Nadine Strauss, for an order authorizing the acquisition of substantially all of the utility assets of Lucerne Water Company by Dominguez Water Corporation, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco

5/8/98 ALJ Weiss Comr Neeper	11:30 am A98-03-024	(PHC) -Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company, for authority to increase rates by \$1,295,453 or 15.1% in 1999; \$279,216 or 2.8% in 2000, and by \$280,577 or 2.7% in 2001, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
5/11/98 ALJ McVicar Comr Duque	10:00 am A97-11-007	(EH) -Citizens Utilities Company of California, for a general rate increase of \$210,305 or 31.97% for the year 1998, \$34,846 or 4.0% for the year 1999, attrition revenue increase of 3.8% for the year 2000 in the Felton District, and
	A97-11-008	(EH) -Citizens Utilities Company of California, for a general rate increase of \$481,362 or 38.3% for the year 1998, no increase is being requested for 1999 and the attrition year 2000 in the Larkfield District, and
	A97-11-009	(EH) -Citizens Utilities Company of California, for a general rate increase of \$1,400,275 or 9.0% for the year 1998, \$1,274,163 or 7.4% for the year 1999, an attrition revenue increase of 6.9% for the year 2000 in the Sacramento District, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also May 12-15, San Francisco)
5/11/98 ALJ Malcolm Comr Duque	1:30 pm A97-11-004	(PHC) -Pacific Gas and Electric Company, to identify cost savings for revenue cycle services provided by other entities and to propose credits for end-use customers in such circumstances, and
	A97-11-011	(PHC) -Southern California Edison Company, to identify cost savings for revenue cycle services provided by other entities and to propose net avoided-cost credits for end-use customers in such circumstances for implementation on 1/1/99, and,
	A97-11-012	(PHC) -San Diego Gas & Electric Company, to identify cost savings for revenue cycle services provided by other entities and to propose credits for end-use customers in such circumstances for implementation no later than 1/1/99, Phase 2, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco; (EH) for 10 am, May 18, San Francisco (also May 19-22, 26-29, and June 1-5, San Francisco)

5/12/98 ALJ Bennett Comr Neeper	10:00 am I98-02-025	(PHC) -Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the operations, marketing and sales practices of GTE California's Foreign Language Assistance Center, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
5/12/98 ALJ Malcolm Comr Knight	10:00 am A97-12-048	(EH) -Southern California Gas Company, for authority to unbundle core interstate pipeline transportation, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco also May 13-15, San Francisco)
5/12/98 ALJ Ryerson Comr Conlon	10:00 am C98-02-047	(PHC) -City of Bakersfield vs. Union Pacific Railroad Company, for failure and refusal to maintain certain at grade railroad crossings in a safety manner in the City of Bakersfield, and
	C98-02-048	(PHC) -City of Bakersfield vs. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation, for failure and refusal to maintain certain at-grade railroad crossings in a safety manner in the City of Bakersfield.
	C98-02-049	(PHC) -City of Bakersfield vs. Southern Pacific Railroad Company, for failure and refusal to adequately maintain properties located within the corporate limits of the city of Bakersfield Council of Chambers, City Hall, 1501 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield
5/12/98 ALJ Weiss Comr Duque	10:00 am C98-01-032	(PHC) -Eric Diesel vs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for failure to comply with a California Public Utilities Commission decision and for failure to exercise good faith in installing power lines on complainant's property, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
5/13/98 AJ Walker Comr Knight	1:30 pm A96-11-007	(PHC) -Southern California Water Company, to increase rates in order to recover costs resulting from participation in the State Water Project under contract with the Central Coast Water Authority and other related costs to deliver water in its Santa Maria District, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco

5/14/98 ALJ Careaga Comr Neepser	2:00 pm A96-06-033	(PHC) -Southern California Edison Company, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct electrical facilities with voltages between 50 kV and 200 kV Big Bear City Community Services District, 301 W Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear City
5/15/98 ALJ Bushey Comr Knight	9:00 am C97-12-032	(PHC) -Mark Baker vs. Pacific Bell, for improper switch service and not providing busy signal; request to restore digital service to 128K State Office Building, Office of Administrative Hearings, Room 6022, 1350 Front Street, San Diego
5/15/98 ALJ Careaga Comr Conlon	9:30 am C98-03-007	(PHC) -Westmount Condominium Association vs. Southern California Edison Company, for failure to reinstall meter in a timely manner, Commission Courtroom, Los Angeles
5/15/98 ALJ Rosenthal Comr Conlon	10:00 am A97-11-040	(PHC) -Pacific Bell, application to modify certain affiliate transaction rules as contained in D.87-12-067, D.92-07-072, and D.86-01-026, to facilitate the post-merger consolidation of support services, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
5/18/98 ALJ McVicar Comr Duque	10:00 am C97-11-028	(EH) -Christopher Gray vs Pacific Bell and GTE California, for failure to provide payphone pricing information which is accessible to blind customers in violation of Federal and State laws regarding equal access to telecommunications facilities, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also May 19-22. San Francisco)
5/18/98 ALJ McKenzie Comr Duque	10:00 am R93-04-003 I93-04-002	(EH) -Commission Order Instituting Rulemaking on Commission's own motion to govern open access to bottleneck services and establish a framework for network architecture development of dominant carrier networks, and (EH) -Commission Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's own motion into open access and network architecture development of dominant carrier networks, and related matter, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also May 19-22, May 26-29, and June 1-5, San Francisco)

5/19/98 ALJ Walker Comr Duque	10:00 am C92-02-032 (And related matters)	(EH) -W. Victor vs. GTE California and Does 2001-2010, for correction of telephone billing of \$65.04 due to billing errors, and related matters, Commission Courtroom, Los Angeles (also May 19-22, Los Angeles)
5/26/98 ALJ Gottstein Comr Duque	10:00 am A97-12-043	(EH) -Southern California Edison Company, for an order approving termination agreement for termination of Interim Standard Offer No. 4 Power Purchase Agreement with Harbor Cogeneration Company, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also May 27-29, San Francisco (OA) July 14, San Francisco)
5/27/98 ALJ Ryerson Comr Conlon	10:00 am C97-05-003	(PHC) Norman Phillips vs. Southern Pacific Transportation Company, for rehabilitation of nine crossings in Orange County, pursuant to GO 72-B, Council Chambers, 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana,
5/27/98 ALJ Ryerson Comr Bilas	2:00 pm A97-05-049	(PHC) -Airport Cruiser to transfer and Buslink Corp to acquire the passenger stage certificate and for finding of revocation of PSC-5877 error, City of Santa Ana, Council Chambers, 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana
5/27/98 ALJ Ryerson Comr Bilas	2:00 pm A97-11-006	(EH) -Preferred Transportation, Inc., dba SuperShuttle, for authority to extend its existing passenger stage certificate to include: scheduled service over the most direct routes from points in communities in Orange County, on the one hand, and Los Angeles International Airport and Orange County Airport, on the other hand (1430) South Anaheim Boulevard, Anaheim Council Chambers, 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana
5/28/98 ALJ Bushey Comr Neeper	10:00 am I98-03-039	(PHC) -Commission Order Instituting Investigation into the operations, practices and conduct of America's Tele-Network Corp. (ATN), John W. Little, president of ATN, and Geri Clary, Controller of ATN, to determine whether the corporation or its principals have violated Rule 1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure or have violated the laws, rules and regulations governing the manner in which California consumers are switched from one long-distance carrier to another,

Commission Courtroom, San Francisco

5/29/98 ALJ Wetzell Comr Bilas	9:30 am A97-12-020 197-11-026	(PHC)-Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for authority to increase rates and charges for electric and gas service effective 1/1/99, and (PHC)-Commission Order Instituting Investigation into the out-of-service status of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's El Dorado hydroelectric project and the need to reduce electric rates related to this non-functioning electric generating facility, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also (EH) June 8-12, June 15-19, June 22-26, June 29-30, July 1-3, July 6-10 July 13-17, July 20-24, July 27-31, San Francisco; Rebuttal Hearings August 17-21, Update Hearings November 9-13 and November 16, San Francisco)
6/1/98 ALJ Ramsey Comr Bilas	10:00 am A97-07-008	(EH)-Landmark Communications, Inc., for certificate of public convenience and necessity to resell interLATA and intraLATA telecommunications services, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also June 2-5, San Francisco)
6/9/98 ALJ Walker Comr Knight	10:00 am C98-02-020	(EH)-Irvine Apartment Communities, Inc., by and through its agent, CoxCom Inc., dba Cox Communications Orange County and Cox California Telcom, Inc. vs. Pacific Bell, for violation of tariff obligations and failure to comply with request to reconfigure existing wiring and to install a cross-connect facility, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also June 10-12, San Francisco)
6/12/98 ALJ Barnett	12:30 pm C98-03-055	(ECP)-Rodney W. Lucas and LaDonna M. Lucas vs. Southern California Gas Company, for refund of the overbilled amount of \$194.91, Commission Courtroom, Los Angeles
6/16/98 ALJ Bushey Comr Neepser	9:00 am 198-04-033	(EH)-Commission Order Instituting Investigation into the operations and practices of affiliated companies Future Net Inc. and Future Net Online, Inc. dba Future Electric Network and individuals Alan Setlin and Larry Huff, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco

6/16/98 ALJ Walker Comr Duque	2:00 pm A98-03-029 A98-03-030 A98-03-031 A98-03-0332 A98-03-033 A98-03-034	(PHC) -Southern California Water Company, for authority to increase rates by \$661,700 or 34/51% in 1999; by \$249,000 or 9.71% in 2000; and by \$258,800 or 9.19% in 2001 in the Desert District, and related matters, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
6/17/98 ALJ Malcolm Comr Knight	10:00 am C94-12-042	(EH) -Credit Bureau Northern California vs. U.S. Sprint Communications Company, for failure to comply with the terms of Agreement; to refund service charges of over \$20,000 and sign up rebate of \$10,000, Council Chambers, City of Sonoma, 177 First Street, Sonoma
6/19/98 ALJ Ryerson Comr Neeper	10:00 am C97-10-059	Utility Resource Management Group on behalf of the Las Virgenes Unified School District vs. Southern California Edison Company, for overbilling due to erroneous classification as TOU-8 instead of I-6 Commission Courtroom, Los Angeles
7/6/98 ALJ Galvin Comr Neeper	10:00 am C97-12-041	(EH) -Reliable Payphone Company vs. Pacific Bell, for refusal to transfer payphone ANI's to New LEC; for fraudulent representations; for unlawful or improper termination of service; for improper late charges; for unlawful retaliation, Room B-107, State Office Building, 1350 Front Street, San Diego (also July 7-8, San Diego)
7/22/98 ALJ Econome Comr Neeper	9:30 am A95-10-024	(PHC) -Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for authorization to implement a plan of reorganization which will result in a holding company structure, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco;(EH) for 10 am, July 27, San Francisco (also July 28-31;August 3-7 and 10-14) Closing Argument before Assigned Commissioner for 9 am, October 15, San Francisco
7/15/98 ALJ Pulsifer Comr Conlon	10:00 am R95-04-043 I95-04-044	(EH) -Rulemaking on the Commission's own motion into competition for local exchange service, and (EH) -Investigation on the Commission's own motion into competition for local exchange service, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also July 16-17, 20-24, San Francisco)

8/3/98 ALJ Galvin Comr Conlon	10:00 am A98-02-017	(PHC) -Pacific Bell, for authority to categorize business inside wire repair, interexchange carrier directory assistance, and limited call control service as Category III services, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also August 4-7, San Francisco)
8/3/98 ALJ Barnett Comr Knight	A95-05-049 A94-05-044 A93-05-044	(EH) -Southern California Edison Company, for authority to revise its energy cost adjustment bill factors, its electric revenue adjustment billing factors, its low-income rate assistance, and its base rate levels effective 1/1/1996; to revise the incremental energy rate, the energy reliability index, and avoidable capacity cost pricing, etc., and related matters , Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also August 4 and 5, San Francisco)
8/10/98 ALJ Minkin Comr Neeper	10:00 am A98-01-014	(EH) -San Diego Gas & Electric Company, for authority to implement a distribution performance ratemaking mechanism, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also August 11-14,, 17-21, and September 14-16, San Francisco (PPH) for September 23 and 24 with places to be announced
9/28/98 ALJ Pulsifer Comr Conlon	10:00 am R95-04-043 I95-04-044	(EH) -Rulemaking on the Commission's own motion into competition for local exchange service, and (EH) -Investigation on the Commission's own motion into competition for local exchange service, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also September 29 and 30, and October 1 and 2, San Francisco)

NOTICE OF DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR EX PARTE MEETING

On September 20, 1996, the Commission adopted Resolution ALJ 169 regarding the "Filing of Notice of Denial of Request for Ex Parte Meeting". The resolution implements an interim procedure whereby a party whose written request for an ex parte meeting with a Commissioner has been denied will be allowed to file a notice of such denial. Copies of Resolution ALJ 169 are available from the Commission's Central Files Office at 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2002, San Francisco; telephone (415) 703-2045. Copies of tendered notices are available in the Central Files Office for review and/or reproduction under

existing procedures. They are also available from the filing party who is under the obligation to provide copies of the notice without delay.

NONE FILED

NOTICE OF ALL-PARTY MEETINGS (PU Code § 1701.3(c))

NONE

NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Copies of tendered notices are available in the Central Files Office for review and/or reproduction under existing procedures. They are also available from the filing party who is under the obligation to provide copies of the notice without delay.

5/1/98 A97-07-015 Southwest Gas Corporation, to modify the terms and conditions of the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in D95-04-075 to provide natural gas service in areas of El Dorado, Nevada, and Placer Counties.

Summary: AUGMENTATION REQUIRED.

On April 28, 1998, Edward Zub, Senior Vice President/Rates and Product Pricing of the Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest), spoke to Cmmr. Bilas. On April 29, 1998, Edward Zub participated in a meeting with Julie Halligan, advisor to Cmmr. Bilas. In the meeting of April 29, 1998, also participated: Roger Montgomery, Director/Rates and State Regulatory Affairs, and James Kane, Senior Vice President/Operations, for Southwest; and Mark Pocta of the Office of Ratepayer Advocates.

Filer: Southwest Gas Corporation

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5/1/98 R93-04-003 Commission Order Instituting Rulemaking on Commission's own motion to govern open access to bottleneck services and establish a framework for network architecture development of dominant carrier networks and

I93-04-002 Commission Order Instituting Investigation on the

- Commission's own motion into open access and network architecture development of dominant carrier networks.
- R95-04-043 Rulemaking on the Commission's own motion into competition for local exchange service and
- I95-04-044 Investigation on the Commission's own motion into competition for local exchange service.

Summary: LATE FILED.

On April 17, 1998, Andrew Barrera of Huntington Park Business Assistance Center wrote a letter (attached to the notice) to Cmmr. Bilas. Copies of the letter were sent to Cmmrs. Conlon, Duque, Knight, and Neeper. On April 24, 1998, Ronald Banks of the City of Inglewood Police Department wrote a letter (attached to the notice) to Cmmr. Bilas. Copies of the letter were sent to Cmmrs. Conlon, Duque, Knight, and Neeper. On April 30, 1998, Connie Rich of Women's Opportunities Resources and Knowledge wrote a letter (attached to the notice) to Cmmr. Bilas. Copies of the letter were sent to Cmmrs. Conlon, Duque, Knight, and Neeper. On April 30, 1998, Ruben Hernandez of Unification of Disabled Latin Americans wrote a letter (attached to the notice) to Cmmr. Bilas. Copies of the letter were sent to Cmmrs. Conlon, Duque, Knight, and Neeper. The foregoing letters expressed support for Pacific Bell's entry in the long distance market.

Filer: Pacific Bell

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- 5/1/98 R95-04-043 Rulemaking on the Commission's own motion into competition for local exchange service and
- I95-04-044 Investigation on the Commission's own motion into competition for local exchange service.

Summary: On April 29, 1998, Rick Witherington, Vice President of Government Affairs for AT&T Communications of California, Inc. (AT&T), met with Cmmr. Duque in San Francisco. Also present were: Tim Sullivan, advisor to Cmmr. Duque; and Robert Kargoll, AT&T Regulatory Advocate. Witherington urged the Commission to reject the SBC-Pacific Bell (PacBell) request for entrance into the long distance market until SBC-PacBell fully implements the 14-point competitive checklist. Witherington suggested not to eliminate the incentive of long distance relief before sustainable competition in the local exchange market is assured. Witherington noted that SBC-PacBell's own data demonstrates their monopoly position. Witherington attributed the paucity of local competition directly to wholesale prices and UNE rates that are not cost-based, and to SBC-PacBell's failure to implement the 14-point checklist. Witherington explained that the possibility of future local exchange carrier (LEC) involvement in the long distance market is a powerful incentive for SBC-PacBell cooperation in the local market competition. Witherington warned that once the LEC is allowed into the long distance market, SBC-PacBell's incentive to cooperate will disappear, local competition would stall, and long distance competition would be threatened.

Filer: AT&T Communications of California, Inc.

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5/4/98 A97-07-030 Pacific Gas and Electric Company, to sell and Modesto Irrigation District to acquire electric distribution and transmission facilities serving the Cities of Ripon, Escalon, Riverbank, Oakdale, and surrounding rural areas.

Summary: LATE FILED.

On April 28, 1998, Robert Kinoshian, project manager for the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA), met with Cmmr. Neeper in San Francisco. Also present were Hallie Yacknin, Staff Counsel for Office of Ratepayer Advocates, and David Gamson, advisor for Cmmr. Neeper. ORA stated that the proposed decision does not overturn Redding II, but rather distinguishes it on its facts from the present case. ORA stated that it would be inconsistent with D97-09-047, which places Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) at some risk for competing for distribution customers and allocates the benefits of such competition to competitive transition cost (CTC), to give PG&E the gain on sale for selling the distribution facilities instead of competing. ORA noted that PG&E's assertion that the net gain on sale is minimal because \$34 million of the \$37.8 million will be paid to MID misstates the issue and that how PG&E would spend its gain on sale, if allocated to it, is irrelevant to whether the gain should be allocated to shareholders. ORA suggested that if the Commission were to consider how PG&E would spend the gain on sale, PG&E's claim that the \$34 million payment to MID is to settle litigation belies the fact that litigation in question was initiated by PG&E against MID. ORA stated further that the record indicates the payment is to entice MID to enter into the agreement not to compete with PG&E, and that does not justify award of the gain on sale to PG&E shareholders.

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